

The Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review met in the Conference Room located adjacent to 55 Cedar Street, Providence, RI on Tuesday, May 10, 2005 at 1:00 PM. Present were Chairman George Farrell, Vice Chairman Rene Coutu and Commissioners Preiss, Burlingame, Newbrook and Filippi. Also present were Executive Director Thomas Coffey, Esq. and Assistant Administrative Officer Carol Marsella. The following appeals were considered.

Appeal #050171: Mr. Norman DeMello Jr. for the property located at 15 William Canning Boulevard in Tiverton. Marshal Dan Murphy appeared for the Tiverton Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Burlingame made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Coutu, to deny the Applicant's request to reduce the occupancy load for this facility. The motion was unanimous.

Appeal #050097: Mr. Dan Grabowski for the Boys and Girls Club of Woonsocket, located at 72 Kendrick Street in Woonsocket. Chief of Inspections William Howe appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. The Applicant testified that a partial sprinkler system and a compliant municipally connected fire alarm system are in place in this facility. The request has been made for time to upgrade the sprinkler system. Commissioner Preiss made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newbrook, to grant a time variance of one years for a full sprinkler system to be in place in this facility. The motion was unanimous.

Appeal #050172: Richard Hunt, Architect, and Patricia St. Germain, for the Key Program, for the property located at 136-138 Knight Street in Providence. Deputy State Fire Marshal Vincent Quintero appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Preiss, to grant the following plan of action. A variance based on structural hardship is granted for the cited egress step down issues and the open window dimensions. The AHJ is granted the ability to confer a temporary certificate of occupancy once a compliant fire alarm system is in place in this facility. A time variance of 120 days from the date of this decision is granted in which to allow the Applicant to install a compliant sprinkler system in this facility. The motion was unanimous.

Appeal #040229: Mr. A. Millazzo for the property located at 1828 Mineral Spring Avenue in North Providence (North Providence High School). Marshal David Vartian appeared for the North Providence Fire Marshal's office and Deputy State Fire Marshal Cynthia Dehler appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame, to grant the following. A variance from the provisions of 15.3.6 was granted as to the underside of the roof deck in the kiln room. The Applicant must post a "Not an Exit" sign over the door leading to the Natatorium from the old building (leading into the tunnel). This door must be maintained in the locked position at all times. The Applicant will comply with all safeguards deemed necessary by the AHJ, which

may include the installation of a pull station inside the tunnel. Prior to the start of the 2005/2006 school year, the Applicant will: (1) either remove the curtains in room 221 and the auditorium or provide documentation verifying the fire rating; (2) Provide heat detection in the bunker storage area in storage 1B and install a lock on the door. This area can be used only for storage; (3) Increase sprinkler coverage within the stage right area of the main auditorium at the direction and to the satisfaction of the AHJ. The motion was unanimous.

Appeal #050209: Attorney William Landry appeared on behalf of his client Lewis Garrett for the property located at 72 West Side Road in Block Island. There was no Marshal to represent the fire service. Commissioners Burlingame and Filippi recused themselves from voting on this issue so the appeal was heard in subcommittee. Commissioner Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Coutu, to grant the Applicant a time variance of 120 days from the date of this decision to complete the work on the fire alarm zone annunciation. The Board also authorized the AHJ to issue a temporary certificate of occupancy on a unit by unit basis when he determines that each unit is ready for occupancy and all fire protections systems are compliant. The motion was unanimous.

Appeal #050220: Mr. William Connerton for the property located at 49 East Bowery Street in Newport. Marshal Michael Leber appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's office. Vice Chairman Coutu made a

motion, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame, to grant relief from the provisions of 7.2.2.2.4.3 on the basis of structural hardship. The Board also granted a variance, on the basis of structural hardship, in order to allow the size of the window opening in apartment #2, providing that the storm windows were removed on the cited windows. The motion was unanimous.

Appeal #050224: Attorney Michael Tarro for the property located at 433 Broadway in Providence. Inspector Joseph Michalczyk appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to grant the Applicant a time variance of 120 days from the date of this decision in which to complete all work required, including but not limited to, installation of a 13R sprinkler system. With such a sprinkler system, Providence Fire Alarm division has no objection to a local fire alarm. The Board also gave the authority to the AHJ to issue a temporary certificate of occupancy for this facility. The motion was unanimous.

Appeal #050048: Mr. James Mercer appeared for the property located at 95 Church Street in Newport (Boys and Girls Club of Newport County). Deputy State Fire Marshal Christine Kent and Chief of Inspections William Howe appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. It was determined that no action would be taken in this matter at the present time. An on-site inspection of this facility has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 15 2005 and the Applicant will appear before the Board on Tuesday, June 21, 2005.

Under old business, in the matter of Bradley Hospital in file #040159, Vice Chairman Coutu made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newbrook, to extend the time variance previously granted until August 1, 2005. The motion was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Marsella